



A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A CITIZEN CORPS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on November 8th, 2004 the Christian County Commission enacted this Resolution encouraging the creation of a Citizen Corps Council for all of Christian County; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Corps Council has provided a useful and beneficial mechanism to encourage a volunteer spirit within the local community and has encouraged coordination of units of local government and first responders in preparing for emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America and Christian County continue to face ongoing threats, not only from terrorist activities, but also from traditional natural occurrences; and

WHEREAS, President George Bush's previous challenges to the citizens to devote themselves to volunteer efforts to serve their local communities continue as an important process in protecting our homeland and strengthening our community.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Commission of Christian County, as follows:

The Citizen Corps Commission is hereby created whose membership shall consist of the Christian County Commission, County Emergency Management Director, representatives from the following: the various Emergency Response Agencies in the county, Christian County LEPC, Christian County Sheriff, Christian County RACES and the Christian County COAD. Membership will also be extended to other agencies and individual citizens from the community who wish to volunteer to participate in preparedness activities in the county.

Organization

The County Emergency Management Director Chairperson of the Citizen Corps Commission. The Commission shall elect one of their members as Vice-Chairperson and another as secretary. The Commission shall establish bylaws governing their meetings and shall present them to the County Commission for approval. The Bylaws shall provide that the Citizen Corps shall meet at least once quarterly.

Purpose and Powers

The Commission is created to formalize and advance the objectives and the mission of the Citizen Corps as articulated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Commission is authorized to take such actions and programs as necessary to mobilize the citizens of Christian County to volunteer to help prepare for local and national emergencies and to coordinate the activities of the various units of local government and first responders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commission has no authority to enter into any agreement or contract or to expend any funds without the prior approval of the County Commission.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law which publication is hereby authorized.

Voting Aye: 3
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None

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